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TAGS: PORG, UNSC, MARR, LE, IS, XF

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON: INITIAL UN APPROACHES TO  
UNIFIL DONOR CANDIDATES

1. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE UN HAS APPROACHED THE FOLLOWING  
GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK DONATION OF TROOP CONTINGENTS TO THE  
UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL), ASSUMING THAT THE  
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SECURITY COUNCIL VOTES ADOPTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S  
REPORT: IRELAND, NEPAL, ZAIRE, NORWAY AND BOLIVIA. THERE  
HAS BEEN NO FORMAL RESPONSE FROM ANY OF THESE. WE UNDER-  
STAND THAT ROMANIA, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN UNDER  
CONSIDERATION, HAS BEEN DROPPED AND WAS NOT APPROACHED.  
THE NETHERLANDS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE  
CANDIDATE IF NORWAY FOR SOME UNEXPECTED REASON CANNOT

CONTRIBUTE, AND ARGENTINA WOULD BE THE ALTERNATIVE FOR BOLIVIA.

2. WE ALSO ARE INFORMED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE HAVE BOTH BEEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE LOGISTIC ELEMENTS. POLAND, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION, FOR SOME REASON HAS BEEN DROPPED. CANADA WAS NOT APPROACHED FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, EXCEPT THAT IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE CANADIANS' RESOURCES ALREADY ARE STRETCHED BY PRESENT PEACEKEEPING COMMITMENTS. WE ARE MAINTAINING CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARIAT TO STAY ON TOP OF THE UN'S RECRUITING EFFORT.

3. IN PLANNING DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT THERE HAS BEEN A DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER TO STRIVE TO MAINTAIN UNIT INTEGRITY OR NOT. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER EACH NATIONAL CONTINGENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO BRING ITS OWN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, OR THE UN SHOULD SEEK TO EQUIP THE ENTIRE FORCE FROM A COMMON SOURCE. WHILE THE COMMON SOURCE HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY IN THE PAST AND VASTLY SIMPLIFIES LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF THE FORCE, IN THE CASE OF UNIFIL, WITH NO TIME FOR TRAINING FOREIGN CONTINGENTS ON UNFAMILIAR WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT EACH CONTINGENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO USE ITS OWN EQUIPMENT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. PRELIMINARY PLANNING HAS ELIMINATED TANKS FOR UNIFIL, BUT THE FORCE

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WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC'S), WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO MOTORIZED UNITS, MACHINEGUNS AND PERHAPS MORTARS. LEONARD

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